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SUBJ: SOVIET USE OF NORTH KOREAN PORT

1. ACCORDING TO INDIAN EMBOFF VISITING PEKING FROM PYONGYANG, SOVIETS ARE INCREASINGLY RELYING ON THE USE OF THE NORTH KOREAN PORT OF NAJIN TO HANDLE IMPORTS FROM SIBERIAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE RAILROAD LINE COVERING THE SHORT DISTANCE FROM NANJIN TO THE SOVIET BORDER HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO SOVIET GAUGE TO FACILITATE DIRECT SHIPMENT OF FREIGHT ACROSS THE BORDER. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, NAJIN HAS MORE ICE-FREE DAYS THAN DO THE SOVIET SIBERIAN PORTS. ITS INCREASING USE, HE SAID, IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE RECENT LARGE INCREASE OF SOVIET IMPORTS OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (INCLUDING CEMENT) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIA.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY TO JUDGE THE PROPORTION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S SIBERIAN TRADE WHICH PASSES THROUGH THE KOREAN PORT. IF SIGNIFICANT, IT WOULD SEEM TO POINT TO A CERTAIN SOVIET DEPENDENCE ON NORTH KOREAN FACILITIES
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